

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity and value of foodgrains exported by FCI during each of the last three years, country-wise;
- (b) whether the FCI had suffered losses on the exports of such foodgrains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government have set up a one-man inquiry commission to probe into a scam running into crores of rupees involving the FCI allegedly favouring private rice exporters;
- (e) whether the inquiry committee has submitted its report;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) the action taken against those held responsible; and
- (h) the further steps the Government propose to take to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S. L. MAHARIA)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): Food Corporation of India (FCI) does not undertake exports of foodgrains directly. However, 20.43 lakh MTs, 39.65 lakh MTs and 67.93 lakh MTs of wheat have been lifted for export to 31 countries from the Central Pool by exporters during the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively. Similarly, 0.42 lakh MTs, 23.50 lakh MTs and 80.72 lakh MTs of rice have been lifted for export to 61 countries from the Central Pool during the above periods.

FCI has not suffered any direct loss on export of foodgrains as these are offered to exporters at Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) prices, fixed by the Government from time to time.

(d),(e),(f),(g)&(h): An inquiry had been instituted taking note of the reports appearing in the press relating to the concession given to rice exporters as allowance for 'Broken'. The report has not been submitted.

The allowance for broken has been withdrawn with effect from 1st October, 2002.